GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his visit to USA and while addressing UN millennium summit made any statements regarding the Non-alignment movement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Prime Minister did not make a specific reference to Non-Aligned Movement while addressing the millennium summit. However, the concerns of NAM were addressed in his speech by use of the more general term `Developing countries` in which connection PM made the following points:

Expressed concern that developing countries are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their social obligations due to decreasing resources
Expressed concern at the impact of HIV/Aids in developing countries
Referred to the risks to which developing countries are exposed due to unregulated and volatile capital mobility and the destabilising impact of uncontrolled global flight of money
Called for greater participation by developing countries in the major forums of decision making including the international financial system
Called for bringing in new permanent members from developed and developing countries into an expanded Security Council.